

REMARKS

Fifty-one claims are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-51 currently stand rejected. Claims 1-5, 7, 15-25, 27, and 35-45 are allowed. Claims 6, 26, 50, and 51 are rejected, and claims 8-14, 28-34, and 46-49 are objected to. Accordingly, claims 6, 8-9, 26, 28, 42, and 46-47 are amended, and claims 50-51 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 8-14, 28-34, 42, and 46-49 for “informalities”. In accordance with the Examiner’s suggestions, Applicants herein amend claims 8-9, 28, 42, and 46-47 to correct the foregoing informalities. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections to claims 8-14, 28-34, 42, and 46-49.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 6 and 26 are rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner states that there is insufficient antecedent basis for “said isochronous memory” in both claims 6 and 26. Accordingly, Applicants herein amend both claims 6 and 26 to correct the antecedent basis for the term “isochronous memory”. In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments,

Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejection is addressed, and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn so that claims 6 and 26 may issue in a timely manner.

35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 50-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,428 to Abramson et al. (hereafter Abramson). Because of Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited reference, and instead, herein cancel rejected claims 50-51 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims are cancelled herein solely to expedite the immediate allowance and issuance of the present Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also expressly reserve the right to seek allowance of any and all additional claims in future patent Applications that may be related to, or may claim priority in, the present Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

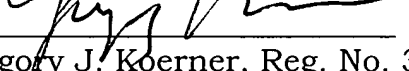
In paragraph 8, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-5, 7, 15-25, 27, and 35-45 are allowed. In addition, in paragraph 9, the Examiner indicates that claims 6, 8-14, 26, 28-34, and 46-49 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As discussed above, Applicants therefore herein amend claims 8-9, 28, 42, and 46-47 to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner, and thereby place claims 8-14, 28-34, 42, and 46-49 in condition for immediate allowance.

Summary

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks overcome the Examiner's objections and rejections to claims 1-49. Because cited references, or the Examiner's citations thereto, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and in light of the differences between the claimed invention and prior art, Applicants therefore submit that the claimed invention is patentable, and respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 1-49, so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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